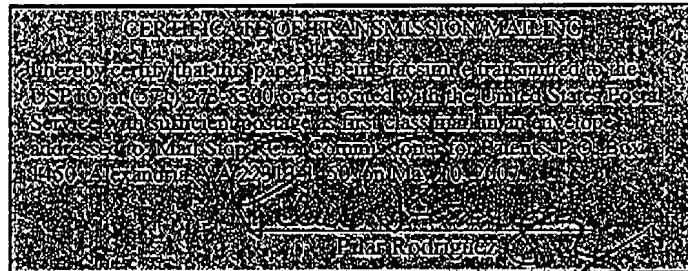


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Dear Sir:

The following amendments and remarks below are respectfully submitted in response to the Office Action dated January 10, 2007 and further to the Advisory Action dated March 23, 2007.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

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